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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM ANCONSUL UDORN 20 MAY 1975  
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QUOTE

UDORN 126

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PINS, TH

SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS IN UDORN

1. UDORN HAD TWO DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY, WHICH TOOK THEIR  
CUES IN PART FROM THE NATIONAL SCENE AND IN PART FROM  
LOCAL ISSUES. EARLY IN THE MORNING, THE UBIQUITOUS  
BARTENDERS SET THEMSELVES UP AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO  
THE AIRBASE AND BEGAN TO EXHORT NCO CLUB EMPLOYEES  
NOT TO GO TO WORK. THEY CAME WITH A SOUND TRUCK WHICH  
STAYED ON SITE ALL DAY.

2. LATER IN THE DAY, THE INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL RADICALS,  
NOTABLY CHALUAI KHAMDII AND THAITERD WETCHASAN BECAME  
EVIDENT. SHORTLY AFTER NOON A GROUP OF TWO OR THREE  
HUNDRED SHOWED UP AT THE CONSULATE, WITH CHALUAI IN  
THE VANGUARD. HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT ADDRESS THE NCO  
BARTENDER CLAIM BUT FOCUSED INSTEAD ON THE MARINE/UTAPAO  
ISSUE, U.S. FORCES IN UDORN, AND, AT ONE POINT, ON THE  
EMOTIONAL ISSUE OF VIETNAMESE IN THE NORTHEAST. THEY  
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CAME INTO THE CONSULATE COMPOUND (EVIDENTLY WITHOUT

OBJECTION BY THE THAI POLICE ON THE SCENE), RAISED THE THAI FLAG ON THE POLE AND BURNED A WREATH UNDER THE CONSULATE SEAL. (WE HAD TAKEN DOWN THE U.S. FLAG WHEN WE CLOSED UP SHOP A COUPLE HOURS EARLIER.) AT ABOUT 3 P.M. THEY LEFT, REPORTEDLY HEADING FOR THE AIRBASE, AND CHALUAI WAS REPORTED AS SAYING TO ONE PERSON THAT AFTER THEY HAD DEALT WITH THE AMERICANS THEY WOULD TURN TO THE VIETNAMESE. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO CONSULATE PROPERTY.

3. AT ABOUT 6P.M. THE NCO BARTENDERS BLOCKED THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE AIRBASE WITH TWO SOUND TRUCKS. AT THIS WRITING (8 P.M.) THE TRUCKS STILL BLOCK THE GATE. THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE NOT INTERFERING WITH THE FOOT TRAFFIC OUT THE MAIN GATE, AND VEHICLES CAN GET IN AND OUT THE OTHER GATE, WHERE THERE ARE NO DEMONSTRATORS.

4. THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES DO NOT SHED TOO MUCH LIGHT ON THE MOTIVES OF HOSTILE, DISRUPTIVE ELEMENTS IN UDORN. IT WAS SURPRISING THAT OUR LOCAL ACTIVISTS SEEMED TO LAG SO FAR BEHIND THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN OTHER AREAS IN ORGANIZING PROTESTS, GIVEN THE BANGKOK EXAMPLE AND A GOOD ISSUE. EVEN TODAY, TO A GREAT EXTENT IS WAS A RELATIONSHIP OF CONVENIENCE. THE NCO BARTENDERS HERETOFORE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FROM OTHER RADICAL ELEMENTS. EVEN WHEN THINGS GOT GOING, LOCAL PARTICIPATION WAS MINIMAL. OF THE TWO OR THREE HUNDRED AT THE CONSULATE, ALL BUT A HANDFUL WERE ONLOOKERS. FANALLY, THE INCLUSION OF ANTI-VIETNAMESE THEMES SEEMS TO INDICATE RADICAL INTENTIONS TO USE EVERY POSSIBLE ISSUE IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO INCITE AND MOBILIZE THE POPULACE. SO FAR THEY ARE NOT HAVING MUCH SUCCESS. MOST SIGNIFICANT WAS THE LACK OF PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS AT THE TEACHERS COLLEGE THAT FLANKS THE AIRBASE.

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